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The latest addition to our growing list of exchanges is the Ellsworth Democrat. It is neat in typography, newsy and bears marks of editorial ability.

The Topeka Capital speaks of "Ex-Governor Jacobs of Kentucky." Will the Capital please tell us when Mr. Jacobs was governor of that commonwealth?

The Leoti Transcript says that for once Leoti and Coronado have shaken hands and buried the old feud. The common ground of mutual interest is the voting of bonds in aid of proposed railroads.

SATURDAY morning at 10 o'clock William A. Wheeler, ex-vice president of the United States, died at his home in Malone, New York. Though not a great man he was far above the average politician, and he filled the high office to which he was called in a most creditable and exemplary manner.

The Ness City Sentinel says that the reason the Great Bend base ball nine did not play a better game was because the boys need practice. This is true, and our boys should set to work at once to remedy this defect. But Ness City will find when Great Bend is downed in the series which has been begun there will have to be a deal of hard playing done by the opposition.

IF THE report that the Santa Fe will establish a line of weekly steamers from Galveston to Liverpool and a tri-weekly line from Galveston to New York, proves true it will make that one of the greatest railroad systems on this continent. It ought also to prove of incalculable value to the farmers of the Great Arkansas Valley. For it will give their products a direct outlet to European markets.

EVIDENTLY the city authorities of Garden City mean business. Here is what the Democrat says occurred up there the other day:

"Some thirty-five of our citizens were arrested Wednesday charged with maintaining nuisances, in-as-much as their premises were not in the best sanitary condition. A portion of them plead guilty while others had their cases continued. Thursday every idle man and team in the city was put to work and it is safe to say that in a few days time there will be no healthier city in the state. The officers mean business."

As nothing has been done to get up a 4th of July celebration in Great Bend, we presume our people have decided to let the matter go by default this year. Larned is still making preparation for a celebration on a grand scale, and we presume most of our people, who are inclined to honor the day, will go up there. Of course we should prefer to have something of the kind at home, and in case we do not, we are sure that our sister city will be glad to welcome us. Larned and this city have always maintained the most cordial relations and we hope they may be continued.

GREAT Bend still "pursues the even tenor of her way," day after day adding new enterprises and increasing the number of her citizens. There is no flurry, no feverish excitement. It has come to be regarded as a fixed fact that this must one day be a large city, having many and diversified interests. We have already three railroads, and freight rates, as compared with other points destitute of railroad competition, are cheap. The man who invests here is trying no experiment. He has every assurance that the same steady advance in property that we have witnessed in the past year or two will be continued.

COUNTY SEAT FIGHTS.

One of the most sensible editorials we have read in regard to county seat fights appears in the Johnson City World. The World in very plain terms says that the Stanton county fight was the direct result of parties from Garden City coming into the county and, for the sake of making a few dollars, starting a new town. We know nothing about this particular case, but our observation has taught us that nine-tenths of the county seat fights that have raged in western Kansas for the past two years are the result of outside interference. If the resident people of any particular county were let alone, in nearly every instance, they would settle the question in a just and amicable way. But the trouble comes here, a few men from some outside city or county realizing that if they can buy land and have the county seat located

on it there will be money in it, set to work to get a certain section of the county interested in their scheme. This they can usually accomplish, and then the fun begins. We hardly know how this evil can be remedied but it is certainly great enough to justify legislative action. Every man has, beyond doubt, an alienable right to buy land where he pleases and to lay it off in town lots if he so elects, but no man or set of men has a right to go into a peaceful community and stir up discord and deadly strife among the people for the "money there is in it."

The Largest Farm in the World.

In the extreme southwest corner of Louisiana lies the largest producing farm in the world. It runs 100 miles north and south, and many miles east and west, and is owned and operated by a syndicate of northern capitalists. Their general manager, J. B. Watkins, gives an interesting account of this gigantic plantation, which throws the great Dairymple farm in Dakota into the shade completely.

"The 1,500,000 acres of our tract," Mr. Watkins said, "was purchased in 1882 from the United States Government. At that time it was a vast grazing land for the cattle of the few dealers in the neighborhood. When I took possession I found over 30,000 head of half-wild horses and cattle. My work was to divide the immense tract into convenient pastures, establishing stations or ranches every six miles. The fencing alone cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The land I found to be best adapted to rice, sugar, corn and cotton. All our cultivating, ditching, etc., is done by steam power. We take a tract, say a half mile wide, for instance, and place an engine on each side. The engines are portable, and operate a cable attached to four plows, and under this arrangement we are able to plow thirty acres a day with only the labor of three men. Our harrowing, planting and other cultivation is done in like manner; in fact, there is not a single draught horse on the entire place. We have, of course, horses for the herders of cattle, of which we now have 16,000 head. The Southern Pacific Railroad runs for thirty-six miles through our farm. We have three steamboats operating on the waters of our own estate, upon which there are 300 miles of navigable waters. We have an ice house, a bank, a ship yard, and a rice mill."—St. Louis Republican.

The Kansas Real Estate Market.

Lots are selling in Wichita at from \$200 to \$30,000 each. In Hutchinson, at from \$100 to \$12,000, and in Arkansas City about the same. In Winfield, Wellington and Anthony, lots run from \$100 to about \$8,000. In Great Bend, Larned, Kinsley, Garden City and Dodge City, lots range from \$100 to \$5,000 and \$10,000. In towns of 500 to 1,500, lots are worth, from \$50 up to \$500, \$1,000 and \$2,500, according to their location and "boom." In towns in the eastern part of the State, prices range lower in proportion. Ft. Scott property is high, ranking probably next to Wichita. The real estate market through the eastern part of the State ranges duller and lower on an average than through the southern or western portions. Land over the State ranges from \$5 to \$50 per acre. And in some choice locations, where near enough to rank as city property in the perspective, sells at \$1,000 per acre and upwards.—Kansas State Real Estate Journal.

Only a Relation by Marriage.

He had caught her name in introduction as Miss Something, and he was much touched by her beauty. But he did not like the apparently very friendly terms she was on with another fellow, and he began quietly pumping to find out how things stood.

"He seems very fond of you?" he said.

"Oh, yes; he rather likes me."

"It looks very serious."

"Oh, no; it's not very serious."

"But there is something?"

"Nothing out of the ordinary."

"Perhaps he is a relation."

"Yes, he's a relation."

"Brother or cousin?"

"Neither. He's only a relation by marriage. He's my husband."—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Great Profession.

An old fellow entered a lawyer's office and excitedly exclaimed: "Look here, Colonel, I understand you have been employed by Wilkins to bring suit against me?"

"Yes, sir."

"But, Colonel, Wilkins accuses me of dishonesty."

"What of that?"

"What of it! Why, last year you defended me against just such a charge."

"Yes, I remember."

"Of course you do. You said during the trial that you had never met a more honest man than I am, and swore that I could not be guilty of a dishonest action."

"Yes, I believe I did."

"I know you did, and, sir, do you know what I'm going to do?"

"What?"

"I've got witnesses, and I'm going to prove it in court that you said it. Then what will you do?"

"Acknowledge that I said it, of course."

"Then the jury will decide in my favor."

"I think not."

"Can't help it."

"Oh, yes, for I will tell the court how much faith I had in you last year, that I would indeed have staked my all on you, and that I was never more painfully shocked in my life than I was when, a few days ago, I received convincing proof of your rascality. My dear sir," the lawyer continued, "I am every day impressed more and more with the broadness and extensive comprehension of the legal profession. Don't be in a hurry. Always glad to see you, and will cheerfully serve you at any time."—Arkansas Traveler.

At the Texas University.

Professor—"Your composition, Mr. Anjerry, is simply disgraceful."

Anjerry—"What is there so disgraceful about it?"

"Your ignorance, sir. You state Hannibal and his army, in his invasion of Italy, passed through the St. Gothard Tunnel."

"How do you know, Professor, that he didn't go through the tunnel with his army? You were not there were you?"

"No, sir, I was not there, but I have sense enough to know that Hannibal could not have afforded to have bought tickets for all his army."

"Yes, Professor, but you forget that it happened before Regan's inter-state commerce bill became a law. There were free passes in those days."

"That's a fact young man, I had forgotten all about that. I'll mark you as 'proficient' in ancient history."—Texas Siftings.

Humbling a Gallant Collegian.

From New Haven Letter.

Once in a while a college student is taught a valuable lesson outside the class room. A Yale under-graduate recently followed a pretty woman and attempted to convince her that he was worthy of her escort for a few blocks. She did not wholly agree with him, however, and entered her husband's tailoring shop near by and stated the case to her enraged spouse. Nine tailors make a man, but in this instance one tailor was mad enough for nine men, and he dragged that flirtatious student into the store and made him apologize on his knees to the young woman. Of course it hurt the pride of the collegian to be made a tailor's goose, but he rose from his knees a wiser man.

Notice to Contractors.

Scaled bids will be received by the board of education of Great Bend, Kansas, up till 12 o'clock, June 14th 1887, at the office of Secretary Board of Education, Great Bend, Kansas, for the erection of two school houses.

Drawings and specifications can be seen on file in the office of Secretary, Great Bend, Kansas, and in the office of the Architects, W. R. Parsons & Son, 711 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Bids will be addressed to Secretary of the board of education and endorsed on envelope, "proposal for Great Bend school houses."

A certified check in the sum of \$500.00 must accompany each bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will at once enter into contract and give bond for the faithful execution of the same.

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